

Chair's Report 2022

Kia ora Tatou

2022 has been a year of reconnection and adjustment to what is our new normal. The last few years have been about adjustment and adaptability, I would like to thank our staff, instructors and the wider healthcare community for continuing to perform at a high standard to improve outcomes for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

It was great to have the opportunity this year reconnect with our colleagues and share the latest science at NZ Resus 2022. This was our first scientific meeting since 2018, which sold out in just two weeks. We had a scientific meeting planned in 2020 which had to unfortunately be cancelled because of the pandemic. We were however able to use the themes from the 2020 meeting which proved to be even more appropriate considering the events of the last few years. The themes were Te hiranga, te manahau me te ahurea. Excellence, resilience & culture. Thank you to all who attended and presented.

We are looking forward to the 2023 year and undertaking a number of new projects including a constitutional review, which work is underway for.

The overall objective of the council is that all people in Aotearoa, New Zealand have the best possible outcome from immediate threat to life and limb. We contribute to this through promoting and fostering high quality resuscitation practice. Our impact areas are: robust, credible education; better informed rescuers; improved New Zealand standards.

Robust and Credible Education

We have recently conducted our instructor audit this audit gives us an opportunity to review and report on the years courses. We are delighted to announce that New Zealand Resuscitation Council Instructors have delivered CORE Advanced to 5,156 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult to 815 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult & Child to 1,802 learners and Newborn Life Support to 887 learners in the year to 30 June 2022.

There continues to be a huge demand for our instructor training courses, it is great to know that there will be highly trained instructors around the country providing a high standard of education.

The NZ Resuscitation Council delivered seven instructor courses in the year to 30 June 2022. All instructor courses were delivered at Waikato Clinical School, Hamilton. There were five two-day CORE instructor courses and two, two-day Newborn Life Support instructor courses delivered.

Unfortunately, Two instructor courses were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In what has been a very challenging time, thank you to you all for the hard work adjusting to the new normal and uncertainty the last few years.

We were delighted early in the new year to release our refreshed NLS programme which was accompanied by a book to support instructors and webinars to help instructors adjust to the new course format. Thank you to everyone who has embraced the course, it has been great to see wonderful feedback from learners.

Better informed Rescuers

There have been a number of projects going ahead in 2022 to ensure that our instructors are equipped with the information required to ensure high quality training and better outcomes for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our website has been in need of a refresh for sometime, and we finished the update of our website early this year. Our new website is a great tool to ensure that our guidelines can be easily found and understood in a clear concise format. We hope you have enjoyed the new ease of navigation.

Our social media channels are increasing in both followers and engagement, across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with the handle @NZResusCouncil used on all three mediums. All three platforms are used to engage and ensure that information is shared effectively and efficiently to our key stakeholders and also the public.

Financial Audit

The financial audit was recently completed and I am pleased to announce that the 2021-2022 financial year was very favourable despite the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns on our revenue stream.

ILCOR

We are fortunate that many of our councillors sit on ILCOR task forces, affording ANZCOR with a strong presence in various areas of resuscitation on the world stage. ILCOR's scientific review drives the development of national resuscitation council guidelines.

We are maintaining strong relationships with ILCOR despite the challenges of online forums and meetings. There has recently been another online ILCOR general assembly and announcements of new taskforce members where ANZCOR is strongly represented.

Our Communications and Engagement Manager Teghan Mear is also sitting on four nominated working groups for the Communications, Social Media and Digital activities of ILCOR.

I would like to thank Tonia Nicholson, Gabrielle Nuthall and Kevin Nation for representing ANZCOR diligently.



ARC

Our relationship with our Australian counterparts, the Australian Resuscitation Council continues to be strong.

2022 has continued to be a busy year for ANZCOR as we work collaboratively with our Australian colleagues to produce the updated ANZCOR Guidelines. There have been a number of new guidelines released this year and reviews of our guidelines remains continuous as recent science is reviewed and applied.

The New Zealand and Australian Resuscitation Councils met in person this year at NZ Resus 2022, it was great to realign in person and continue our strong working relationship as ANZCOR.

Our Councillors

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Christine Brabyn (Advanced Paediatric Life Support), Paul Musker (Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists), Chris Shimmin (Red Cross), and Cheyenne Heka (College of Urgent Care) as Councillors this year. Thank you for the valuable contribution you all have made so far.

We have farewelled a number of fantastic Councillors, Nick Beer from Red Cross, Malcom Joblin from the College of GPs, Malcolm Stuart from the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and Jean Kelly from College of Urgent Care. We thank you all for your participation. Malcolm Stuart had been with the council for 12 years, and Jean for 8 years, thank you for your long service and dedication to the New Zealand Resuscitation Council, we appreciate your expertise and hard work. Thank you, we wish you all the best on your future endeavours.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of our former chair, colleague and friend Richard Aickin earlier this year. In the 12 years Richard spent as Chair of the Council, the organisation grew and matured significantly. We thank Richard for his dedication, stewardship, and friendship, he is greatly missed.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa